



Envision Arlington Standing Committee

Date: Thursday, May 20, 2021
Time: 7:30 - 9:00 PM
Location: Remote participation via Zoom

Minutes

Members in attendance: Greg Christiana (co-chair), Scott Lever (co-chair), Alex Bagnall, Michael Brownstein, Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Sue Doctrow, Juli Brazile

Other attendees: Rebecca Gruber, Lenard Diggins

1. Introductions

Initial technical difficulties as the Town's Zoom account assigned to this meeting was oversubscribed. A new Zoom link was posted on a new Town Calendar event. This delayed the start of the meeting until about 7:50 PM.

Rebecca Gruber, co-chair of DTG.

2. Review April minutes

April minutes approved.

3. Task Group Updates

No updates from DTG (Rebecca Gruber) nor Police Civilian Advisory Board Study Group (Michael).

Michael will be stepping up as Chair of the Education Task Group.

4. Discuss Civic Engagement

Long discussion about Greg's proposal for Civic Engagement Group. The main innovation from that discussion was the idea that the Civic Study Group, or Research Group, should not be time-bounded and then dispersed, but an ongoing effort that reports at regular intervals to the Standing Committee.

5. Discussion on the Annual Town Survey

Status of the Town Survey: Kelly provided Scott and Drake from AHRC with initial survey data.

6. Discussion of Fall 2021 events

Scott: Len has suggested that the Town is opening up facilities for in person meetings in the fall. We should plan accordingly.

7. Budget update

Elisabeth: nothing to report about Task Group expenses. The only expenses this year are attributable to the Town Survey. Expenses are so limited only because of the pandemic.

8. New Business

Greg: Do we want or need to report to Town Meeting beyond what's in the Town's Annual Report? We should submit something to Town Meeting, but we don't need to speak to it at Town Meeting. Scott and Greg to discuss offline how to proceed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM.